INCIDENTS AT ENTERTAINMENTS ON THANSATLANTIC TRIPS.

A Novel Use of a Tariff Behate Proposed Many Duttes of the Man Who Gets Up the Concert-Surprises Given by an Ex-Collector from Boston-A Ship Cantured by Actors - A Trial Instead of a Concert

There was such a scarcity of musical and dramatic talent on the steamship St. Louis on one of her July voyages to Southampton that a wag suggested arranging, in place of the usual concert for the benefit of the sailors' orphans, a debate on the tariff between Robert P. Porter and Senator Gray, who were among the passengers, and charging every person who stayed away \$1. It was argued that this would not a much handsomer sum than any other form of entertainment. Mr. Porter said he was willing. Senator Gray laughed when the scheme was broached to him, and said he wasn't afraid to tackle Porter on the high seas or anywhere else, or something like that, but when the passengers began rushing forward with their dollars to escape the ordeat the Senator's face became thoughtful, and it was whispered about the boat that he had begun to hedge. It was said he had a position to sustain, and, as a recognized spokesmen for the Administration, could not be a party to making light of so serious a matter as the tariff. Mr. Porter had no such

"At the appointed time," he explained, "Senator Gray and I would adjourn to the saloon, On the way there we would naturally see a great jush of the passengers to the other end of the best, and we should find ourselves alone. Then, in the language of statesmen, we would probably say 'How' to each other, and after we had tested the bottle to see if it was sufficiently cold. undoubtedly we would smile at each other several times and say 'How' several more times, after which we would appear on deck again and rejoice that the cause of the orphans had been enriched to an unusual extent. For the life of me I don't see why Gray should be so diffident

Nevertheless the scheme fell through, and although the talent was limited in quantity the usual concert was held. The first move in arranging the entertainment always comes from the purser. It is one of the thousand and one things that are expected of him. Ship concerts are usually held on the last night but one of the voyage. The purser two days before has set the machinery in motion. He has found out who has musical or dramatic talent among the passengers, and has selected some person of energy nd tact to take the management of the affair. This person is the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements. It is his duty to arrange the programme, to see that undesirable persons are suppressed, and to select young women who sell the programmes. The Captain of the ship usually chooses the Chairman of the entertainment. When Chauncey M. Depew is on board the place fails to him invariably. It is a penalty he has to pay for having become famous. If Mr. Depew isn't on board, the henor goes to ome Senator, Governor, editor, General, Admiral, author, clergyman, inventor, or, as a last resort, to somebody whose only distinction is

On the trip of the St. Louis in question the honor of presiding went to Senator Gray, after the tariff debate scheme fell through. The Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements was a young London barrister, who had attracted attention by wearing a straw hat. The purser knew what he was about when he se-lected this young man to drum up the attractions for the concert. For a time nearly every one of those approached declined. The barrister said "Thank you" in that imperturbable voice in which every one from costermonger up says it in London, and continued his hunt for talent. He was as bugy as a bee in a tar barrel for two days. He said that he would get up a concert and wouldn't have to call on the a concert and wouldn't have to call on the second cabin, where there was an over-whelming supply of musical talent. His first conquest was teen, Greely, the Arctic explorer, who consented to make a short address. Then there was a runner that a young woman of pronounced English ways, with a mass of frizzled golden hair and apparent carelessies whether hertwochildren fell overboard or not, could sing some. The barrister put her name on his list with confidence. Then he went on a chase for a cornetist who had been making the lives of some of the seasiok passengers miserable by practising in his stateroom. The barrister learned that the cornetist had played softly one evening after 9 ocidek far up in the bow of the boat where he was hidden in the dark, and a dozen passengers who heard him all said they had enjoyed it very much. The barrister had a talk with the cornetist and finally decided tool and him. The next move was to secure an accompanist. Here the barrister struck a snar. He found a young man who volunteered easerly. The barrister discovered that the pool-room auctioneer was really a clever amateur aloger, and that he had drawn a blank in his accompanist. That man must be got rid of and caserly. The barrister discovered that the poolroom auctioneer was really a clever amateur
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so the barrister put up a scheme. He got the
auctioneer to rehearse his hardest song and to
sing it through at a slambang rate. The accompanist was obliged to throw up his
hands, and the barrister expressed his recrets and said "Thank you" in his politcest way. Then he got another accompanist,
an elderly lady, who was entirely acceptable.
The barrister heard that there was an ex-Collector of the Fort of Hoston on board who could
recit. The ex-Collector acknowledged the soft
impeachment and consented to appear. The
barrister soon completed his work, and when
the young women began selling the programmes
it was seen that he had put himself down for
two numbers. There was such general confidence in him by this time that the passengers
were sure he had talent which he had kept hidden, and when the convert came on there was a
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the concert was explained in the same way. Senator Gray, who presided, was also let into the secret.

All these plotters had a shock when the excellector got up the second time. He announced that this time he would read a poem entirely of his own composition. It was entitled "The Rice and the Gray," For a moment some of the Rice and the Gray," For a moment some of the Rice and the Gray," For a moment some of the Rice and the Gray," For a moment some of the Rice and the Gray," For a moment some of the Rice and the Gray, "For a moment some of the Rice and the third would appropriate Judge Francis M. Finch's well-shown usem of the same title, but that wonder passed away as soon as the exclodector began to read his lines. The prem, a particule composition, received some applause, and than the excludity, I allow the same and gradience, having entertuned you to the best of my modest ability, I should like to say a word for myself.

He proceeded to make a hip-hip-hurrah American speech, and it wasn't a bud speech, either. As he went along, however, it was seen that ne was taking the wind out of the sails of those in the scheme to spring the resolutions. He waved the American flag vigorously and even visitation. He busises the pluck of the officials of the American line in restoring the American flag to the fight seen, and he seemed to be about to introduce some resolutions of his own, but of the down there was great appliance by those who were not in the secret of the resolutions and alch of relief from those who were. At the proper time the Justice set up. He had recoveral his herve to some extent, and he said.

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con made his speech. The young barrister proved to be an amateur entertainer of uncommon ability, the concert was voted to be a delightful affair, and it netted some \$200 to the orphans' fund.

That is one kind of concert on shipboard. Entirely different was the experience on another ship on a voyage to New York this season. The purser had exercised his usual preregative of selecting sembody to arraine the details of the concert. It was thought that the one selected would have an easy task, for there was an abundance of themrical inlent on board, professionals returning for the winter's work. This talent was of two kinds, one quiet and well-behaved and the other noisy. The appointed chairman had just begun his work when he struck a snag. The noisy actors had monopolised a centre table in the smoking room and had practically taken possession of the apartment. They objected to the purser's choice. They had an indignation meeting, and raid it was a shame to ask a rank outsider to get up a concert. They would arrange it themselves or there wouldn't be any concert. So to the astonishment of the purser and the Chairman they started in. They selected the Chairman of the entertainment, and purser was compelled to yield because he didn't want the orphans' fund to suffer, but he confided his indignation to one or two friends, saying:

"You bet I'm going to keep my eye on that money, I have to handle the funds and they haven't even put me on the Finance Committee."

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The Chairman of the entertainment was kept in ignorance of the net that the Captain hadn't officially designated him to preside, but when the entertainment came on he was surprised to see that there was a master of ceremonies. This was an actor whose chief claim to fame was that he had angelt a famous puglist how to act. It was evident that they weren't going to give the Chairman, even an opportunity to announce the numbers, and that every time a new number was announced the master of ceremonies was to have the satisfaction of appearing before the company. The Chairman asked what it all meant, and was informed that he was expected to make a short speech at the opening of the concert and then sit still in his chair. He was a man of too good breeding to make a first, and the concert went on. It was a flat failure. The master of ceremonies jumped up every time a new number was due, but he found that all the quiet and well-bred actors were missing. They had slipped out of sight. There was one exception, an actress who was talked about two or three seasons ago because of the alleged jealousy of another comic opera star and who has sluce married and retired from the stage. She was really ill, but she said:

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She did sing, and her appearance saved the programme. The master of ceremonies was down for the last number. He could not introduce himself, and so a friend who had been sitting bestide him and had been working his jaws with the rapidity of a goat chewing a cud, got up and said in true flowery style that the master of ceremonies would. "now oblige." The passengers were glad to escape from the saloon. The one redeeming feature of the entertainment was that an unusually handsome sum was netted for the orehans, because the actors put business methods into their management, and no one was allowed to enter the room until he had paid at least 30 cents for his programme.

The difficulty of finding performers on shipboard is such that frequently some other kind of entertainment than a so-called concert is arranged. On one trip there was a Judge from Ohio who offended the proprieties of shipboard by wearing a tall hat about deck the whole voyace. It was decided to arrest him and try him for the offende under arrest. The night of the trial was fixed, and a District Attorney from Brooklyn was appointed to sit on the Bench. Two eminerations are proposed to a summer than a completed. The wearing of the hat was a dase of necessity, the Judge was appointed to sit on the Bench. Two eminerations are summer than a completed. The wearing of the hat was a damitted, but the defence was that it was a case of necessity, the Judge's trunk not having reached the steamer before sailing, and also that it was not an offence on the high seas. The Captain was subponed as a witness. He said that in all his seafaring experience he had never seen a man wear a tall hat on shipboard. The purser correlorated the captain, but could not produce any regulations showing that the Judge's art was a mistemeanor or felony. Half a dozen pussengers who had crussed the occan a dozen times also testified to

Department's Private Lines Daily. The number of messages sent over the wires of the Police Departments amounts to more than 378,388. The year before it was less by only York police station, either reluctantly, under arrest, or voluntarily, for purposes of observation or inquiry-and it is always best to visit a New York police station under the latter conditions can recall that one of the most familiar eviing of the police telegraphic instrument con ters and among the various police precincts. By of efficiency, it is possible for all the precinct munication.

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"Ladies and gentlemen: I make no pretensions as an elocutionist, but since there was a scarcity of talent on board I cheerfully agreed to do what I could to entertain you. I hold in may hand a poem written by one of the peem constructions of the third States, either. The poem construction of the Police Department is one that you women of America. Her fame is not like you which are short my one of the peem constructions in some precincts. Nearly 0.000 related to assume precinct. The ex-Collector then read the poem, the one beginning "Lauph, and the world laughs with you," and he did it very well. When he had finished he said:

"There, ladies and gentlemen, you may take your cholce as to which is Mrs. When's poetry and which is my own."

This caused some amusement. But there was no be another experience with the ex-Collector, his was down for a second number. Now, it so he another experience with the ex-Collector, his was down for a second number. Now, it so happened that Clement A. Girsom, President of the American line, was a passenger on the sain, some other passengers had drawn up a ship, some other passengers had drawn up a fair to the calling and related the saint of the show, and the disappearance of Mr. Girsom was notified, so that line had waved the appreciation of the saint to make a hurrier was reject into the scheme to make a hurrier was reject into the scheme to make a hurrier was reject into the scheme to make a hurrier was reject into the scheme to make a hurrier was reject into the scheme to make a hurrier was reject into the scheme to the programme. The Justice hair part of the show, and the disappearance of Mr. Girsom was notified, so that leads to the late of the content of

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CHOKED CRIME CALENDARS

COURTS INADEQUATE, THE DIS-TRICT ATTORNEY BAYS.

an Assistant District Attorney Says that If the City Magistrates Would Use Common Sense and Dispose of Petty Cases Themselves Instead of Filling Up the Tombs There Would Be Some Relief,

District Attorney Fellows said yesterday that It was not due to any lax methods in his office that the Tomba had become overcrowded with prisoners awaiting trial. He said the members of his staff had the cases prepared for trial, but could not proceed further because of the inade-quacy of the courts. Besides, the office had been further embarrassed by the fact that one part of the General Sessions had been closed all summer. Part I., presided over by Recorder Goff, was occupied with the trials and pleadngs in excise cases, which were all bail cases, and that court gave little relief to the over crowded Tombs. The District Attorney said there were 185 prisoners in the Tombs awaiting trial in the General Sessions on charges of felouy. All three courts would be running next month, and he hoped to dispose of a great many of these. After Jan. I next the fourth part of the General Sessions would be in operation. But even with the addition of Part IV, he expected to be behind in the prompt trial of indictments.

Judge Allison returned to town yesterday and was at his chambers all the morning prepared to take ball in any case where it was offered. Philip McManus, the Greenwich street produce merchant whom Proprietor Breslin of the Gilsey House tried to bail on Friday but could not be cause of the absence from town of the Judges of the General Sessions, Recorder Goff, and the Jus-tices of the Supreme Court, is still in the Tombe. Mr. Bressin could not get down to court yester-day morning, and District Attorney Kelly of Reusselaer county, who is helping McManus, was unable to find another bondsman.

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Of the 428 prisoners now in the Tombs awaiting trial, nearly 200 are held for misdemeanor and ought to be tried in the Special Sessions if that court ever yets time. An Assistant District Attorney said yesterday that the new City Maristrates were as responsible as anybody for this glut. They exercised, he said, too much "legal knowledge" and too little common sense in disposing of cases.

"Now, if one person slaps another in the face and is arrested by the police." said the Assistant District Attorney, "the City Magistrate considers the defendant guilty of an assuit under the law. Under the old regime the case would be adjudicated when the prisoner was first arraigned with a small fine or light imprisonment, but now the prisoners are held for trial in the Special Sessions, and lie in the Tombs for days before their cases are reached, suffering a punishment far more severe than the law calls punishment far more severe than the law calls for. Justices of the Special Sessions have dis-missed or suspended sentence in seven-tenths of such cases that have been before them."

A JOB FOR A PROBIBITIONIST.

Hired to Empty 1,090 Bottles of Contraband Beer According to Nutmeg Law. NORWICH, Aug. 31,-The big stock of illicit lager beer destined for the soldiers of Camp Coffin which was captured not long ago by Dep uty Sheriff Story and the justice court on wheels, has just been destroyed in compliance with a Connecticut statute. The raid was perhaps the most important in the history of the Nutmer travelling court. The big city brewers and bottlers had made ciaborate preparations to slake the thirst of the National Guard, 4,000 strong, in its annual encampment, at Niantic, by the Sound, and rum, beer, and bitters were smuggled in car loads from New London and New Haven to hiding places near the camp. One lot was sent to the retired ham-let of Flanders, among the East Lyme hills, two or three miles west of New London, and about the same distance from camp. Bottling apparatus went along with it, and most of the beer had been transferred from casks and kees into bottles at about the time the wheeled justice court, composed of Sheriff Story, Constable Hazelhurst, and Prosecuting Agent H. H. Burnham, charged the barn in the morning by the bright light. Bolts and bars fettered the ancent bara, but the flying court smote it once, smote it no more, and went right through it tike a yellow nutmeg electric fireball cleaning a Pomfret (Count cheese.

In this barn and in another hiding place the court bagged live kegs and 1,000 bottles of beer. The beer had been very neatly put up in bettles ingenuously labelled "Ginger Ale, imported." Some of the bottles were green labels and others blue.

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"The green label," said Sheriff Story, "was great stuff-dead shot every time-while the blue label look a longer time to kill.
"Hank," commented a Flanders citizen, after taking a whilf from the nozzle of a bottle. "Derned of thet ain't pizener than forked lighten;" "Perhed et thet and place an East Lyme lightini."

A few days after the seizure an East Lyme Justice of the Peace sat on the smugglers. Connors & Co. of New London, pronounced them to be guity of violating the Connecticut License law, and ordered Sheriff Story to destroy all the contraband lager according to law. According to the Nutneg law it is the li-hat must be destroyed, not the vessels con-ng it, and it is the duty of the State to re-hat property to the owner. Hence it was that must be destroyed, not the vessels containing it, and it is the duty of the State to restore that property to the owner. Hence it was the duty of the Steriff to draw the corks from all the bottles taken by him and pour out the liquor. But, reasoned that official, it's a day's work, and a confounded hard one, to empty a thousand lager bettles. So he hired a well-known rural East Lyme Prohibitionist to do the Job—a man who was warranted not to drink a drop—and paid him \$2.50 on account of the task. It took the Prohibitionist to better part of a day to coax the illegitimate lager out of its vessels. Hour after hour it gurgles on the thirsty ground—some of it imported stuff—so that a small river or it, amber colored, foaming, rippled and rolled down the dry country pite. The Prohibitionist was all alone there; no one knew about his solitary act of sacrifiege, his wanton indignity to Gambrius; and the Sheriff is ready to vouch for the Prohibitionist that he never put his lips once to the brimming flood ebbing away along the grassy roadside.

AUTUMN'S DREAMY SPIRIT.

Effects of the Narcotte Influence of These Days Upon Sights in City Parks.

Still, half-misty days of late August or early September produce fine atmospheric effects in Central Park. The lakes, stilled to mirrors, reflect the dim blue sky and the smooth, indistinct outlines of trees and shrubs. A sloping green bank far acress the lake seems dotted with what one might take for whitewashed stones if one did not know them to be geese and swans. The outlines of all things are dim and dreamy, and the sunlight is no longer yellow, but warm, rose tinted. An atmosphere of this kind has the strange power of destroying the stereoscopic effect of distant objects and of re-ducing them to flat surfaces and mere outlines. The twin towers of the Cathedral, seen above the lake and the outlined tree tops beyond are dim and ethereal. The points of the towers seem to be only a few inches apart, and the eye has so lost the power to distinguish distances that all the spires in view seem equally near. Flags move fazily, as though they labored in an at-mosphere thick and viscid as it looks. Whereever the eye turns are peace and warmth and dull outline, with perspective lost, as in a Jap-

ever the eye turns are peace and warmth and dull outline, with perspective lost, as in a Japanese landscape.

It seems a land in a dream. Children chase butterflies on the lawns. Their bare legs shine like reality, but their voices come to the ear with a dull and hollow sound as though they, too, were merely visions of the imagination. The stealthy wheelman glides by, a fitting symbol of the general dreamy silence. The lotus field seems but another symbol of the atmospheric condition. Its rose-pink bloesoms are doubled in the peaceful water that edges the field. The brook that leads to Harlem Mere trickles in thin skeins. The Mere itself, with its westward bank of woodland, is stilled beneath the oppressive atmosphere. All the lawns are dimmed about the edges, and the Mall seems from either end to have caught and entangled the mist at the other extremity. The hum of wheels upon the drives is keyed to sympathetic dulness, and even the noise of traffic that assails the Park on every side has a sort of melaucholy undertone that suggests unreality. The cry of the peaceck from distant lawns, where his fridescent tail is dimmed in that some may not feel, but all seem to reflect. There is the prophery of autumn everywhere. One see, or seems to embody sorrow. There is a pleasant moisacholy in the air that some may not feel, but all seem to reflect. There is the prophery of autumn everywhere. One see, or seems to reflect. There is the prophery of autumn averywhere. One see, or seems to minor key, seems the right accompaniment to the surrounding conditions. One emerges from this land of dreams half prepared to find the town itself asteep, the concluman's hand arrested as his whip is raised, and every sort of workman ide with his tools in hand. The dream appeals and arrested as his whip is raised, and every sort of workman ide with his tools in hand. The

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